

May 22, 2014

**Public Notice for Water Quality Certification and/or Waste
Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects)**

Mendocino County Department of Transportation
Moore Street Seismic Retrofit
WDID 1B13105WNME

Mendocino County

On August 7, 2013, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from R.V. Parker, Mendocino County (applicant), requesting Federal Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification (certification) and/or Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects) for activities associated with the Mendocino County Department of Transportation Moore Street Seismic Retrofit Project (project). The proposed project would cause disturbances to waters of the United States and the state associated with the Russian River Watershed. The project is located where Moore Street crosses the Russian River in Calpella, California, at latitude 39.232778°N and longitude 123.2°W. Permanent impacts to waters of the United States and state would be approximately 0.07 acres and temporary impacts would be approximately 0.12 acres.

The purpose of the project is to seismically retrofit the Moore Street Bridge (No. 10C-0048), which has been designated "scour critical" by Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration. The project will involve linking the girders together, installing cast-in-drilled-hole piles in the existing roadway behind the bridge abutments, and placement of rock slope protection around piers 2 and 3. Pavement rehabilitation work at the approach roadways on both sides of the bridge will also occur.

A temporary access route will be installed on the south side of the bridge for work on piers 3-7 and the western abutment. Seismic improvement around pier 2 will require temporary access to the streambed in order to place temporary supports for concrete placement and to apply rock slope protection. A temporary work pad consisting of culverts and 1-4" gravel will provide access to the streambed. Dewatering will occur in the work area approximately 30 feet upstream and 15 feet downstream of the bridge to allow for construction of the work pad.

No compensatory mitigation is proposed for the project. Non-compensatory mitigation includes the removal of invasive plants, hydroseeding disturbed areas with native seed mix, and installation of cottonwood and willow poles and cuttings in and around the rock slope protection around piers 2 and 3. The project will employ best management practices to prevent or reduce any discharges during and after construction. The project is expected to

begin in 2014 and would last one construction season with all in-channel work occurring between June 15 and October 15.

The applicant has applied for Clean Water Act Section 404 authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers. The applicant has also applied for a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

On May 21, 2013, Mendocino County, acting as lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, filed a notice of determination with the state clearinghouse, determining that a mitigated negative declaration had been approved for the project. The State Clearinghouse received the notice of determination on May 28, 2013.

The information contained in this public notice is only a summary of the applicant's proposed activities. The application for Water Quality Certification in the Regional Water Board's file contains additional details about the proposed project including maps and photos. The application and Regional Water Board file are available for public review.

Regional Water Board staff are proposing to regulate this project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) and/or Porter Cologne-Water Quality Control Act authority. Staff will consider all comments submitted in writing and received at this office by mail during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this letter and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. If you have any questions, please contact staff member Kaete King at (707) 576-2848 or Stephen Bargsten at (707) 576-2653.